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CURRENT SERIAL RECORDS

47TH NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS: The challenging theme of "Commitment to Responsibility" was especially appropriate for this year's Congress. It was an impressive affair--but back of it all was the skilled teamwork of the National 4-H Service Committee, the donor representatives, and the committees of Extension staff members. The enthusiasm and solid support of the business leaders were truly inspiring. One of the more impressive things about the 1968 Congress was the serious and deep interest of businessmen with the problems of our Nation as relates to youth. There were few, if any, speeches which merely patted 4-H'ers on the back. This is further evidence of the interest of the business community in broadening its support of 4-H beyond the financing of awards.

WORKSHOP FOR STATE TRAINING TEAMS - EXTENSION'S 4-H - YOUTH PROGRAM

We are pleased to have 130 pre-registered for this 10-day workshop, January 21-31. It is especially gratifying to see how many administrative, supervisory, training and information staff members are planning to participate. Hopefully, each team will meet as a State group and evaluate where its staff members are in staff development and training. Each team will give considerable time during the two weeks to develop a new plan in keeping with the Long Range Study Report, "A People and a Spirit", and the desire of Extension administration to make the 4-H youth program capable of reaching more young people because it is flexible, dynamic and relative to current needs of youth.

NORTHEAST REGION INSTITUTE ON "4-H WORK WITH DISADVANTAGED URBAN YOUTH"

In-service training for county staff primarily involved in working with disadvantaged urban youth is the prime objective of an institute on "4-H Work with Disadvantaged Urban Youth", February 9-14, 1969 at the National 4-H Center. Among the outstanding resource people who will assist in teaching are: Dr. Catherine Richards, Special Consultant to the Chief on Youth Services, HEW; Dr. Frank Reissman, School of Education, New York University; Dr. Saul Silverman, Consultant to the staff on the South Providence Project; and Dr. Roy Jones, Leadership Resources, Inc. Field trips and visits in the Washington area are being planned by Stanley Anderson, a member of the Washington, D.C. City Council, and Maurice Hill.

The program, designed especially for county Extension staff members in the 12 northeastern States, will focus on: the behavior patterns of disadvantaged youth and their families, the principal needs of such youth, designing 4-H programs to meet these needs, recruiting and involving para-professionals, indigenous leadership, working with other organizations, and developing resources

of the community. The Institute is open to a limited number of staff members from the other Extension Regions. Cost of the Institute will be \$85, including registration fee and room and board at the National 4-H Center.

BREED ASSOCIATIONS MAKE ADJUSTMENTS: Southern Extension Livestock Specialists heard some encouraging expressions in their meeting. Representatives of the purebred cattle associations, participating in a panel "The New Look at 4-H Beef Cattle Shows" were supportive of the study committee's report on beef products. Many are eliminating the two-year old breeding heifer classes. More emphasis on the younger classes will allow a 4-H'er to exhibit his heifer and still have her in proper condition for the breeding herd.

4-H'ERS ATTEND RECEPTION FOR MRS. ORVILLE FREEMAN

Miss Sandy Sue Smith of Fredrick, Md., and Mark Davy of Colonial Beach, Va. represented all 4-H members at a December 9 reception honoring Mrs. Orville Freeman for her outstanding service to natural beauty and conservation. This event included about 200 youth and adults. Eleanor Wilson accompanied the 4-H members to express appreciation for the contributions Mrs. Freeman has made to 4-H for Natural Beauty.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT, INC. CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO YOUTH

"An Investment in the Future" was the theme of the 50th Anniversary Banquet celebration of Junior Achievement, Inc. Russ Smith joined representatives of the major youth organizations, business and industry, and other cooperators invited to participate in the event held December 4, in New York City.

CRESTED CLOVER RECIPIENTS: J. C. Penney Company was awarded a 4-H Crested Clover Citation on December 9. Dr. George Alcorn of California made the presentation. During National 4-H Congress, citations were presented to Ford Motor Company, General Motors, Carnation Company and Lions International, by Dr. R. C. Scott, Assistant Administrator of FES, and Dr. E. Dean Vaughan, Director of 4-H Division, FES.

/SHARING SOME OF THE GOOD IDEAS IN STATE PROGRAMS/

SPECIAL AUDIENCES

GEORGIA - Nutrition Work Through Teenagers

Columbia County is doing pilot work with nutrition teaching by junior leaders. These teen-teachers--both boys and girls--have had an educational experience as they prepared themselves to help younger members. Recently they worked together on a nutrition exhibit for a regional fair. Since September, the teenagers have been giving demonstrations at Food Distribution Centers. They prepare appropriate foods and invite people coming in to taste a sample.

ILLINOIS - Work in Sangamon County

Members of Extension Homemakers groups volunteered to lead 4-H groups from ghetto situations. Projects were primarily crafts, clothing and foods. Regular publications were used.

LOUISIANA - Intensive Program with Low Income

A three-months program with low-income youth has been conducted in 10 communities, where program aides did the teaching. Leaflets developed in the Arkansas "Reaching the Unreached" pilot effort were used. The parish staffs spent an average of 18 hours in training and supervising the program aides during the three-month period--and had excellent support from the district program specialist. The program aides also recruited junior and adult project leaders on a volunteer basis.

MINNESOTA - 4-H Work with Retarded Children

Approximately 2500 retarded children are now being served by 4-H. The Minnesota Association for Retarded Children has been a key contact. In the various school districts the special education teachers have also given excellent cooperation.

MISSISSIPPI - Urban Program in Hinds County

About 40 new 4-H Clubs have been organized within the city limits of Jackson with more than 400 urban members added. Staff anticipate 1,000 new members. Project work is being done chiefly in woodworking, flower growing, foods, clothing, and dog care. Volunteer leaders are being recruited.

NEW JERSEY - Nutrition Program for Limited Resource Youth

In East Trenton, an intensive short-term type of programming was suggested by the Presbyterian Church because it was felt the 4-H program could be used for children from limited resource situations. The agent trained two college girls who were the Extension aides. These girls worked with "counselors" who reached a total of about 200 young people. Each child participated for an intensive three-weeks experience. Altogether, three workshops were held.

NEW YORK - Special Program Reaches Migrant Families in Orange County

Learning-by-doing has real meaning for migrant agricultural workers and their families in Orange County, New York. Extension provided leadership in developing a Family Health Clinic and in conducting special Home Economics and 4-H programs for adults and youth with 150 children and 25 adults participating in food-nutrition, clothing, arts and crafts, recreation, conservation grooming, and storage projects.

OKLAHOMA - Summer Youth Program

A report "Oklahoma 4-H Expansion through Extension Summer Youth Programs" gives information of a special program in six counties to reach new audiences, particularly underprivileged children. One of the objectives was to learn to utilize non-professionals and provide career opportunities for college students considering Extension youth work as a career. "Pete" Williams would supply a copy.

4-H SPONSORED CAMPS FOR LOW INCOME YOUTH

MISSISSIPPI

The Extension Service in Madison County and the State Welfare Department worked together on the three-day event. Pre-camp orientation, transportation, and personal articles were provided. Swimming, nutrition, physical fitness and inspiration were featured in the program. Each camper made something to take home and participation went beyond expectations.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Here, 242 less fortunate youth enjoyed a camping experience similar to a regular 4-H camp. Extension staff and dedicated 4-H counselors worked with the Office of Economic Opportunity to conduct the program.

NEW YORK

The Nassau County 4-H Camp provided free camping for 400 ghetto youth every two weeks throughout the summer of 1968. Opportunities were provided for a variety of learning experiences, but special training in electrical skills was conducted for the boys, while the girls received help in homemaking practices.

RHODE ISLAND

Over 200 inner-city youth from South Providence have had resident and day camping experiences. Seven different groups channeled through the Extension Service to provide and coordinate the camping efforts.

STAFF AND LEADER TRAINING

ILLINOIS - Training to Introduce Crafts Units

District meetings are planned for January to introduce the new units in the 4-H arts and crafts program. One staff member and two resource leaders from each of the counties are invited to attend.

MINNESOTA - County 4-H Project Chairmen

The 4-H Staff will be explaining progress with the idea of county 4-H project chairmen, as a part of the district administrative conferences held around the State. Training events have been held recently for agents and county project chairmen for health, arts and crafts, and foods. Agents will report their experiences.

OHIO - Agent Training

One agent from each county or area is invited to a three-day training conference to emphasize developing an adequate volunteer staff. Innovative ideas will be discussed by General Motors Institute, Ohio Department of Education and John Banning.

SOUTH CAROLINA - Staff Training

A full week's conference is planned for County Extension Agents where they will concentrate on leadership development and developmental task needs of youth. Dr. Evelyn Duvall will be a resource person for understanding youth. Program management, program planning, and evaluation will all be emphasized.

GENERAL PROGRAM IDEAS

ALABAMA - Study of State 4-H Program

The committee studying the Alabama 4-H program are now working on their preliminary report. This committee of 12 State and county staff members have had four sub-groups considering the organizational pattern, the volunteer leadership situation, State and county programs, and educational materials. The Director appointed this committee to consider desirable program and organizational changes.

INDIANA - Rural Youth State Day

Nearly 500 single young adults will participate in the January 11 program, built around "Citizenship." Charles Vetter is the speaker. The outlook for the programs for single young adults is bright for the coming year, with Extension taking the lead role but with evident support by the Indiana Farm Bureau.

LOUISIANA - Educational Trip to Cleveland

Six 4-H members, enrolled in the sweet potato project, studied the market in Cleveland. Before leaving home they witnessed the loading of a carload of Louisiana sweet potatoes. In Cleveland, they watched the distribution of the sweet potatoes from the warehouse to the consumer.

MAINE - Citizenship Materials

The Extension Service arranged to reprint a publication done by the Maine League of Women Voters, updating and improving certain sections. They agreed that in addition to using it for 4-H and in the Maine Youth Conference, it would be used for Boys' State and Girls' State and other voter information activities. The schools requested it for American history and government classes. The bulletin has now been reprinted a third time to meet interest of town registrars, libraries and local discussion groups. Result: 28,000 produced by December 1.

NEVADA - Third Year of Community Pride Program

Over 30,000 youth and thousands of adults participated in this program involving clean-up, tree planting projects, and general beautification. 4-H works along with other volunteer youth groups in this effort.

NORTH CAROLINA - Progress with TV

Nearly 123,000 4-H TV members are already signed up for a series of programs starting in January, utilizing the Michigan science films. The workbook for members has been reprinted. Excellent cooperation is being received from the schools.

/HELPFUL PUBLICATIONS/

"Facing Facts About Choosing Your Life's Work" from Prudential Insurance Company gives basics for making wise career choices. Order from Prudential's Public Relations Department, Box 36, Prudential Plaza, Newark, N.J. 07101.

"Need a Lift?", an annually revised handbook published as a part of the American Legion's education and scholarship program. Contains sources of career, scholarship and loan information. 25¢, in quantities of 100 or more; 15¢ per copy (pre-paid), from The American Legion, Department S., P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206.

"Concerns of the Nation" booklets are distributed through the bookstore at the National 4-H Center. The booklets, developed for a new, direct approach to group discussion, encouraging pro and con expression, are developed by the Current Affairs Center of Washington. Included are "Should Everybody Have the Right to Own a Gun?", "Are We Neglecting the Elderly?", "What has Happened to 'Civil Rights'?" \$1.50 is special student price.

"Science Adventures in Children's Play" - For children in the elementary grades. Includes exploring the neighborhood, map making, collections, wind and weather, trees, birds, insects, plants and animals. \$1.00 from the Play Schools Association, 120 West 57th Street, N.Y. 10019. They also have: "Brief Encounters in Family Living", 75¢; "It's Fun to Teach Creative Music", 75¢; and "A Work-Play Program for the Trainable Mental Deficient", 30¢.

/ 4-H FILMS - TWO NEW ONES /

The new 4-H leadership movie "How Do You Measure Wealth" is now ready for your use--in fact, is already being used in Texas. Its aim is to show the things leaders do that are important to the youth of their communities and how they do them. Central characters, the Steven Vamosy family of Stanford, New York, depict organization leaders but the important roles of project leaders, resource leaders--in fact, all types of leaders, new and old--are visualized. The Elanco Products, a Division of Eli Lilly and Company, provided funds for the movie, which was produced by Walter J. Klein Company.

Fifteen prints of the leadership movie will be initially available. They will be distributed through the Regional Film Library Contacts, placed as follows: Two in Illinois, five in Georgia, two in Oregon, two in South Dakota, and two in New York, with two retained in the Federal Extension Service in Joseph Tonkin's office. Number of films is based on 4-H enrollment in the area served.

The New Jersey movie "You Never Walk Alone" is a very fine one. (16 Min.). It is produced by the New Jersey Extension Service with some financial assistance from Standard Brands. It portrays what 4-H is and why it is so valuable to boys and girls. It shows how some conventional projects are updated through science and career exploration emphasis and stresses adaptation for urban conditions.

In response to our inquiry, New Jersey says it can provide copies at the rate of \$105. The price includes the mailing case. Requests should be directed to Mr. Stig C. Stabe, Associate Specialist in Communications, Communications Center, College of Agriculture and Environmental Science, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903

/ NEWS OF OUR COWORKERS /

Mary Ellen Piper , Formerly a county home economist, joined the South Dakota State 4-H staff on November 1, as State 4-H Club Agent.

Lowell E. Rothert, Program Assistant, 4-H Youth Programs, Michigan, is on study leave to June 15, 1969, for doctorate.

William Snow has a temporary appointment with the 4-H staff in Massachusetts. He will serve until Marvin Boss returns from study leave in September, 1969.

Connie Meyer, formerly Idaho State 4-H Staff and a National 4-H Fellow, is now in Tacoma, Washington as Extension Home Economist for Pierce County.

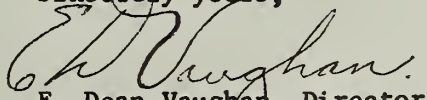
In November we recognized the birthday of Miss Gertrude L. Warren, a true pioneer in 4-H. Miss Warren came to USDA in 1917, when canning was the only nationally-recognized 4-H project for girls and the concept of volunteer local leadership had not emerged. She gave outstanding service to 4-H for 35 years, until she retired in December of 1952. Since that time she has been a valued consultant and has spearheaded the effort to document the history of the 4-H movement. In 1964, the 4-H Division staff hosted an 80th birthday party for her which many of you attended.

/ TO OUR COWORKERS AT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON /

We would like to quote the words of Henry Van Dyke--the "I" in the quote is a "composite I" of the whole FES Division of 4-H - Youth Development:

"I am thinking of you today because it is Christmas and I wish you happiness. And tomorrow I shall still wish you happiness. I may not be able to tell you about it every day, because I may be far away or we may be very busy. But that makes no difference--my thoughts and my wishes will be with you just the same. Whatever joy or success comes to you will make me glad. Throughout the year--I wish you the spirit of Christmas."

Sincerely yours,


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